(c) and (d) The above accidents took place due to the following reasons.—

Cause of Accident	No. of Accidents
Failure of Railway Staff	290
Failure of other than Railway Staff	77
Equipment failure	25
Sabotage	27
Incidental	15
Not established	7
Under Investigation	3
TOTAL	444

In the above accidents, 529 persons were killed and 1091 persons were injured.

Note . The above figures are provisional.

Sanctioned strength of Senior Scale Posts in Railways

4385. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total of sanctioned strength in senior scale posts on Indian Railways (Permanent, Temporary, Workcharge and others), department-wise, as on 1st January, 2000;

(b) the number of officers working against these posts (direct recruits, promotee, ad hoc basis), department-wise as on 1st January, 2000;

(c) the number of vacancies existing, department-wise, as on 1st January, 2000; and

(d) the plan to fill up vacancies and by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.